

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the claims:**

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for covering payloads, said apparatus comprising:
  - (a) a suspended track;
  - (b) a hoist, slidably engaged to said track, said hoist having a retractable line, said retractable line being maneuverable in multiple directions;
  - (c) a spreader bar attachable to said retractable line, said bar having means for attaching to a covering; and
  - (d) means to move said hoist.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said means to move said hoist comprises [an electronically operable remote controlled system] a non-pendant operable remote controlled system;

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

10. (Amended) The apparatus of [claim 9 further comprising] claim 1, wherein said means to move said hoist comprises:
  - (a) a guide extending laterally from said hoist; and
  - (b) a wire connected at one end to said hoist, running along said guide, and connected at its second end to said remote controlled system.

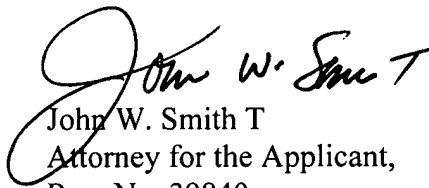
Claim 15 has been amended as follows:

15. (Amended) An apparatus for covering payloads, said apparatus comprising a movable hoist slidably suspended over a payload, said hoist having a retractable line that is maneuverable in multiple directions and that can be connected to a covering to be spread over the payload.

***Conclusion***

Applicant respectfully submits that this submission is a complete reply to the final Office Action and further requests that the submission be entered and considered in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114(d).

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